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SUBJ: PORTUGAL

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH LABATT JAN 30 NORWEGIAN
TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY
SANDOGREN EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PORTUGUESE SIT-
UATION AND INQUIRED WHAT WE HAD HEARD FROM OUR EMBASSY.
HE SAID HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO REACH SOCIALIST LEADER
AND FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES TO ASK WHAT SORT OF
DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT MIGHT BE USEFUL, AS WELL AS
TO DISCUSS THE TIMING, PRESUMABLY THE POSSIBLE POST-
PONEMENT, OF A NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL INVITATION
FOR A VISIT FROM INTERSINDICAL. SANDEGREN HAS BEEN
UNABLE TO REACH SOARES, BUT DID SPEAK WITH SOARES'
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AND POLITICAL RIGHT HAND MAN
JORGE CAMPINHO. CAMPINHO PROMISED TO ASK SOARES THESE
QUESTIONS, ENCOURAGED PUBLIC SCANDINAVIAN ESPRESSIONS OF
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SUPPORT AND CONFIRM THAT THE SITUATION WAS EXTREMELY

TICKLISH BETWEEN CONTENDING FORCES IN PORTUGAL AND THAT
A DECISION DEFINITION WAS LIKELY IN 5-10 DAYS, BUT COULDN'T
SAY MORE OVER THE TELEPHONE. SANDEGREN WAS OBVIOUSLY
WORRIED AND UNHAPPY ABOUT PORTUGUESE DEVELOPMENTS; HE
SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE PORTUGUESE
SOCIALISTS TO KEEP A COOL HEAD NOW.

2. A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO INVITE INTERSINDICAL
TO THE EAST-WEST TRADE UNION CONFERENCE IN GENEVA
FEBRUARY 28- MARCH 1 HAS APPARENTLY BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
THE LAST MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON OR ABOUT
FEBRUARY 19
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